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Town Meeting held by Congressman Jack Fields July 8, 1983, Houston, TX

1. Gulena Park

Participants: Congressman Fields
Dick Whittington
Stennie Meadors, TDWR (Houston/Deer Park Office)
Harris County Health Department

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Highlands Community Relations

- Highly emotional questions; Meadors does excellent job of explaining that sampling done by TDWR and EPA in ditch surrounding site has shown very low levels of PCB. Mr. Whittington also does excellent job in explaining EPA's involvement, vis a vis enforcement of PCB regulations and the "problem" at hand (used analogy of regulating \$10 and being concerned about a penny).
- Stennie explains company's core sampling program. Questions about priority of company doing sampling. Stennie says she has witnessed work and samples will go to TDWR contract lab. She and Mr. Whittington clearly state that sampling is voluntary.
- Citizens wanted to be notified before any EPA or TDWR sampling or any other test in the area. They asked for monitoring wells around site, periodic tests of ditches and random tests in the industrial area. There were allegations that if the company knew where PCB was buried, they'd do core samples away from waste. Congressman Fields several times tried to return the focus of the meeting to "is there a problem worthy of further study"?
- Much discussion of "alleged" disposal vs. proven violation. Stennie keeps her ground as does Susan Ferguson. TDWR and EPA said that we didn't have enough evidence to excavate buildings to do PCB sampling & that, so far, ditch samples didn't show problem. We both say if anyone has evidence it could be given to us.
- Much discussion on air problems.
- ACORN wants to be called whenever inspection being done.
- ACORN will have board meetings to discuss "next step" and response to Congressman Fields.
- On balance, meeting was difficult but came off successfully for EPA, TDWR and Congressman Fields. No commitment for further action. Much media representation, did not make channel 13 10:00 pm news.

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